

USDA Announces Rural Leaders School in Ill.

Rural community leaders from 12 Midwest states are invited to apply for enrollment in the third national rural development leaders school, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today.

The school, scheduled June 2-8, 1974, in the Illini Union at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, is open to residents of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Purpose of the school is to help participants discover how to be more effective in improving the quality of life in rural America, according to Dr. Walter A. Guntharp, administrator of USDA's Rural Development Service. The training is a comprehensive educational

and motivational experience in the process of rural development. Course work centers on a group problem-solving and decision-making exercise involving real-life situations that confront a typical small town in search of development ideas and possibilities. The course work is enriched by lectures and discussion periods conducted by national leaders in rural development. Faculty members will come from government, business, industry, education, and public interest groups.

This session of the school is limited to 110 persons, who will be selected to represent a broad segment of rural development leadership in Midwest communities and areas.

The course is particularly suitable for citizen leaders

who desire a better background of formal training in the process of rural development. High priority will be given to applicants with non-professional rural development experience who are:

- Elected and appointed

state and local officials with positions of responsibility relating to rural development.

- Voluntary leaders in state and local public service organizations concerned with community or area development.

- Business, industrial, and civic leaders interested in rural development.

- Desirous of learning and sharing their skills in working within local communities to make rural

America a better place in which to live and work.

Persons who wish to attend the school are invited to contact their state rural development committee through one of the local USDA offices, write the Rural Development Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250, or call (202) 447-2573 for more information.

Base Milk Increases 11c in Mar.

The March uniform price for base milk in federal order 4 increased 11 cents from the previous month and excess milk showed an increase of 40 cents, according to Andrew A. Marvin, Ephrata, fieldman for Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative.

In comparison to March levels one year ago base milk was up \$2.29 and excess up \$1.87 cwt.

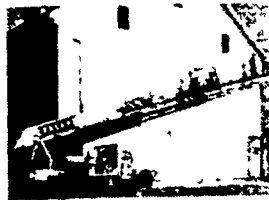
The weighted average price for the market was increased by \$2.20, above March 1973.

A total of 395.6 million pounds of producer milk was pooled in March of which 60.20 percent was sold as Class I, showing a decrease of 3.02 percent of deliveries made in February, and a decrease of 6.1 percent under March a year ago. 7843 Order No. 4 producers provided 12.76 million pounds per day to dealers during March, averaging

1627 pounds per day per farm. Total value of producer milk was set at \$37,516,218.42.

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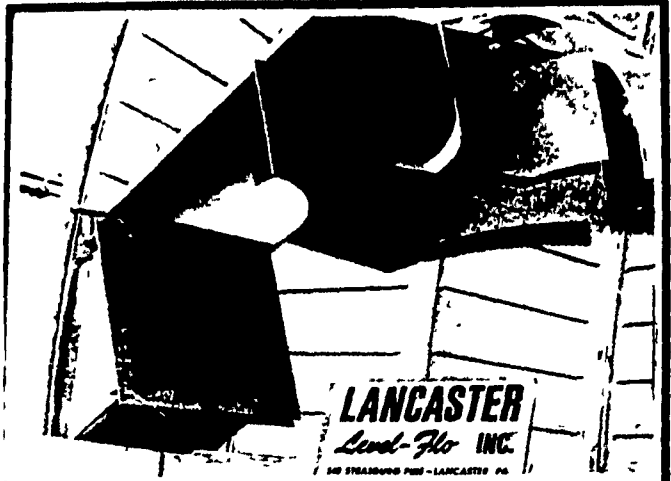
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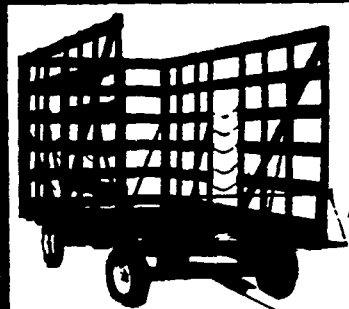
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